AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the target set by Government for family planning in the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Government propose to launch any special scheme to encourage family planning among the people of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) The overriding objective guiding the Family Welfare Programmes continues to stabilise population of the country at a level consistent with the needs of national development. The system of centrally determined method-specific targets for family planning has been dispensed with since April, 1996 in all the States/UTs. Immunization, Vitamin-A supplementation and Oral Rehydration Salt therapy will be sought to be provided to all needy children, maternity services including vaccination for Tetanus and treatment for anaemia will be provided to all women in reproductive age group and birth control facilities will be provided to desirous couples and they will be encouraged to use these more during IX Plan.

(b) and (c) The Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH), which is an integrated approach to the family welfare programme is being implemented in the Ninth Five Year Plan. The concept of RCH is to provide to the beneficiary need based, client centered, demand drived and high quality services. This is being sought to be achieved by improving facilities for family welfare services under various specific programmes.

World Bank Assistance for setting up Hospitals / Dispensaries

3420. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has been providing fund for the establishment of hospitals and dispensaries in some States;

(b) whether any World aid or assistance has been obtained for Orissa for satting up such hospitals and dispensaries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) A Project proposal for including Orissa under the State Health Systems Development Project has been received from the Government of Orissa. The total baseline project cost indicated in the project report sent by the State Government was Rs. 312.89 crores. The proposal was posed to the World Bank who have on 29.6.98 approved the project for an outlay of SDR 56.8 millions.

Secret Ballot to Unify Unions in AIIMS

3421. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether two unions are operating in AIIMS, New Delhi in the same name;

(b) whether the management of AIIMS has received representation to conduct fresh secret ballot to hold elections of United leadership of the Association / Union; and

(c) whether Government are considering the proposal to hold fresh secret ballot so that the unions are unified for improved services of the AIIMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) (a) to (c) In the Institute there are three unions known as